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SENATE BILL 373 By
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HOUSE BILL 1500
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to consumer protection and automobile repairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Insurance companies licensed to operate in the state of Tennessee shall not require, direct, or cause a private passenger vehicle of the current year model or of the two (2) prior year models to be repaired with "after market collision parts".

SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act, "after market collision parts" are those parts manufactured by anyone other than the original manufacturer of the vehicle or which the original manufacturer of the motor vehicle has not authorized the use of its name or trademark.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of this act, "after market collision parts" shall include, but not be limited to, exterior or interior sheet metal or fiber glass panels and parts that form the superstructure or body of a motor vehicle, including front bumpers, front bumper covers, grilles, headlamps, park lamps, hoods, fenders, radiator supports, valance panels, fillers, deflectors, doors, quarter panels, deck lids, rear bumpers, rear bumper covers, and rear lamps.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of this act, private passenger vehicles shall be defined as those vehicles designed and used primarily for the purpose of transporting passengers upon public highways and shall include four-wheel drive passenger vehicles and utility vehicles with a load capacity of one (1) ton or less.

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SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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